

Grace Episcopal Church Scripture 202b: An Overview of the Bible, New Testament Winter, 2012
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Syllabus

Course: *An Overview of the Bible: New Testament*

Purpose: To give the student a comprehensive overview of the Bible, the tools used for the serious study of the Bible, and the spiritual and theological implications of the Bible for the practicing Christian in the modern era.

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Texts:

An Introduction to the Bible: Revised Edition, Clyde E. Fant, et. al. © 1991, 2001, Abington Press, Nashville, TN. ISBN 0-687-08456-3.
 (\$10.00 - \$27.06 Amazon.com) **(Fant)**

The New Oxford Annotated Bible: NRSV with Apocrypha; 4th edition, Michael D Coogan, Editor, et.al., © 2010, Oxford Press, the World.
 ISBN 978-0-19-528955-8 (\$25.62 new Amazon.com) **(NOAB)**

Class Meets at Grace, 341 Washington St, TC, MI on Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 8:30 pm

Session Overview:

6:00 pm	Light /potluck or catered meal, free will offering
6:30 pm	Prayer and devotion by class member
6:35 pm	Instruction/Discussion on Bible on assigned texts
7:20 pm	Break
7:30 pm	Reflection/ Discussion on spiritual, theological, tradition and practice for the modern era on assigned texts
8:15 pm	Evening Prayer or Compline

Date	Topics and Readings
Class 1: Feb 15	† Life and Teachings of Jesus Assignment for next week: Read Gospel of Mark NOAB, pp. 1743 – 1746; 1791-1792 & Mark notes Fant, pp. 303 – 318, 326-336
BREAK	Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week, Easter
Class 2: Apr 11	† Jesus according to Mark & Q Assignment for next week: Read Gospel of Matthew NOAB, pp.1746-1747 & Matthew notes Fant, pp. 337-342

Class 3: Apr 18	✠ Jesus according to Matthew Assignment for next week: Read Gospel of Luke NOAB, pp. 1827-1829 & Luke notes Fant, pp.343-349
Class 4: Apr 25	✠ Jesus according to Luke & Synoptics Declare topic for presentation Assignment for next week: Read Gospel of John NOAB, pp. 1879 – 1881 & John Notes Fant, pp. 350-357
Class 5: May 2	✠ Jesus according to John Assignment for next week: Paul in Acts; NOAB – Notes from Acts 6:8 – 8:1 9:1- 31 11:29-30 13:13 – 28:31 Fant, pp. 387 -394
Class 6: May 9	✠ Jesus according to Paul ✠ Paul in Acts Assignment for next week: Writings 1 Thessalonians, Galatians and Notes NOAB, pp.1973 -1974 Fant, pp.395- 416
Class 7: May 16	✠ Missionary Journeys of Paul & Pauline Letters, Part 1 Early Ministry, Journey 1, Council of Jerusalem, Journey 2, Note chart on Fant, p. 393 Assignment for next week: Writings Romans and notes
Class 8: May 23	✠ Missionary Journeys of Paul & Pauline Letters, Part 2 Journey 3, Rome and beyond, death Assignment for next week: Project Presentations
Class 9: May 30	✠ Project Presentations on New Testament
Expectations	✠ Pray ✠ Purchase the texts ✠ Attend classes ✠ Fellowship with class members ✠ Read, study, & do assignments ✠ Be willing to share insights on the Bible ✠ Create 1 topic papers for presentation on New Testament. Pick a section of scripture and prepare a report, bible study, devotion, poem, painting, powerpoint, song or sermon about that scripture based on the tools we have learned about. Be prepared to share your results with class. Bring copies to share.
	✠ In case of snow day, we will “bump” the calendar by a week.